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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM; IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN VIEWS ON CW ARMS CONTROL

REF: STATE 054311

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AMB. MARTIN (US) CALLED ON AMB. DI BERNARDO (ITALY) MAR 26 AND MADE REQUEST, PARALLELING THAT MADE IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL), THAT ITALIANS REFRAIN FOR THE PRESENT FROM STATING PUBLICLY THAT ANY PARTICULAR PARTIAL CW MEASURE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. DE BERNARDO SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR REQUEST TO ROME. END SUMMARY.

2. EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS CALLING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, AMB. MARTIN MET MAR 26 WITH AMB. DI BERNARDO
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(ITALIAN CCD REP) AND REQUESTED THAT ITALIANS NOT PUBLICLY TAKE DEFINITE, NEGATIVE STAND ON ANY PARTICULAR PARTIAL CW APPROACH UNTIL US AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO DRAWING ON POINTS MADE IN WASHINGTON TO ITALIAN EMBOFF (REFTEL), MARTIN OBSERVED THAT US DEL ITSELF WOULD NOT MAKE SPEECH ON ANY DECISION USG REACHED ON CW UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH NATO AND OTHER ALLIES, AND THAT IT SEEMED ONLY FAIR FOR ITALIANS TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC REJECTION OF ANY PARTICULAR TYPE OF DECISITO RELAX APPLICATION OF EMIGRATION TAX. EDITORIAL ENTITLED " USSR- MIDDLE EAST, AN EQUIVOCAL POSITION", COMES ON HEELS OF SEVERAL RECENT ARTICLES WHICH POINTED UP US- SOVIET TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND MENTIONS EFFORT LED BY SENATOR JACKSON TO TIE EMIGRATION TAX QUESTION TO " MOST- FAVORED- NATION" LEGISLATION. CALLING SOVIET RELAXATION OF TAX " HEAVY WITH SIGNIFICANCE", EDITORIAL SAYS USSR CAN NOT AND OUGHT NOT LET ITSELF " IN PRINCIPLE BE MADE INSTRUMENT OF ZIONIST AIMS IN MIDDLE EAST". EDITORIAL CLOSES BY DRAWING ATTENTION TO SOVIET ECONOMIC TIES WITH " MAJORITY OF ARAB COUNTRIES" AND SAYS USSR MUST NOT LET ITSELF BECOME ACCOMPLICE TO " MACHINATIONS" WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, COULD " STIFLE REVOLUTIONARY ELAN IN THOSE COUNTRIES."

4. COMMENT: EDITORAIL CRITICISM OF SOVIET UNION IN ALGIER' S CONTROLLED PRESS IS A DISTINCT DEPARTURE FROM THE NORM. WARING TONE OF LANGUAGE USED BY MOUDJAHID AND FACT THAT CRITICAL EDITORIAL EFFECTIVELY UPSTAGED NEW COOPERATION ACCORD IN LOCAL MEDIA HAVE NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED BY SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. THIS WAS EVIDENT IN DISGRUNTLED REMARKS TO EMBOFFS BY SOVIETS DURING AMBASSADOR GROUZINOV' S FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MINISTER COUNSELOR KIZITCHENKO MARCH 27. (KIZITCHENKO IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO PARIS.) EAGLETON

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